



Request for Action by the City Council Office of City Clerk

Date: January 16, 2015

To: The Honorable Barbara A. Johnson
President of City Council

Subject: Authorizing appointments of City representatives to the Clean Energy Partnership Board.

Recommendation: Approve the appointment of Mayor Betsy Hodges; Council Vice-President Elizabeth Glidden (Ward 8); Council Member Kevin Reich (Ward 1); and City Coordinator Spencer Cronk as members of the Clean Energy Partnership Board, and approve the appointment of Council Member Cam Gordon (Ward 2) as an alternate member of the Clean Energy Partnership Board.

Previous Directives:

- In October 2012, a utility franchise working group was formed to assist with preparatory efforts related to the negotiation of new energy franchise agreements.
- In June 2013, the City Coordinator was directed to enter into an agreement with the Center for Energy & Environment to conduct an Energy System Pathways Study.
- In February 2014, the City Council received the Energy Pathways Study and directed staff to pursue Clean Energy Agreements with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy consistent with the recommendations from that study.
- At its meeting on October 17, 2014, the City Council granted new franchise agreements to Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy, adopted new fee ordinances, and approved a Memorandum of Understanding with both utility providers. Under the terms of the MOU, the City and the two utility providers agreed to the creation of a Clean Energy Partnership Board.

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Background: As part of new franchise agreements approved October 17, 2014, the City of Minneapolis entered into Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy establishing the nation's first City-Utility Clean Energy Partnership, a joint initiative which commits the utility service providers to assist in achieving energy goals identified by the City in its 2040 Energy Vision and Climate Action Plan. To facilitate that work, a Clean Energy Partnership Board was established to determine and oversee deliverables against those energy goals and objectives. The Clean Energy Partnership Board will consist of eight (8) members, as follows:

- Two (2) senior officials representing Xcel Energy authorized to bind the company;
- Two (2) senior officials representing CenterPoint Energy authorized to bind the company;
- Three (3) elected officials representing the City of Minneapolis; and
- The Minneapolis City Coordinator.

Staff has drafted the attached resolution to complete the appointment of the City's representatives to the Clean Energy Partnership Board.

For information, see Petition No. 277601.

RESOLUTION

By B. Johnson

Approving the appointment of representatives of the City of Minneapolis to the Clean Energy Partnership Board.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has adopted a series of strategic goals related to assuring the availability of reliable, affordable, local, clean energy services for homes, businesses, and institutions which help sustain the city's economy and environment and which contribute to a more socially just community, all as more fully expressed in the City's 2040 Energy Vision and its Climate Action Plan; and

Whereas, pursuant to new franchise agreements granted October 17, 2014, the City of Minneapolis approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy and with CenterPoint Energy which commit all parties to the establishment of the nation's first City-Utility Clean Energy Partnership, a joint initiative aimed at achieving the City's energy goals as expressed in its strategic plans and related documents; and

Whereas, the City-Utility Clean Energy Partnership calls for the creation of a board to determine and oversee the actions and deliverables of this joint initiative against the City's stated energy goals and objectives, which board is to be composed of a total of eight (8) members representing Xcel Energy, CenterPoint Energy, and the City of Minneapolis, and the City is to designate three (3) elected officials and the City Coordinator as members.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That Mayor Betsy Hodges; Council Member Elizabeth Glidden; and Council Member Kevin Reich are hereby designated as elected official representatives of the City of Minneapolis appointed to serve as members of the Clean Energy Partnership Board; and

That Spencer Cronk, in his capacity as City Coordinator, is hereby confirmed as a representative member of the City of Minneapolis appointed to the Clean Energy Partnership Board; and

That Council Member Cam Gordon is hereby designated as an alternate representative of the City to the Clean Energy Partnership Board to substitute, when and as necessary, for the Council Member representatives.